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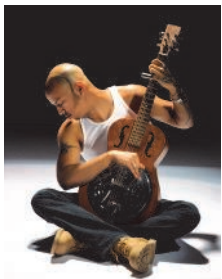
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Community *notes*

Free Weekend In The Woods

If you're looking for something fun for the whole family this weekend, you've found it. Merriweather Park in Symphony Woods hosts [Weekend In The Woods](#) for the first time this year, taking the mantle from the Columbia Lakefront. Previously called "LakeFest," this free event includes live music, kids' entertainment and crafts, strolling performers, food, and a variety of activities for all ages. Join the fun on Saturday, June 18 from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. and Sunday, June 19, from 12:00 to 6:00 p.m. at Symphony Woods (on Little Patuxent Parkway, across from the Columbia Mall).

There are many performances taking place throughout the weekend, with musical inspirations derived from blues and jazz to rock, soul, and folk. Catch jazz funk quartet The Shrapnels at their Saturday show, from 1:30 to 2:45 p.m. Dance to gypsy-punk and soul inspired rhythms with Black Masala on Saturday from 4:30 to 6:00 p.m.



Sunday brings another excellent sampling of musical skill, as Samuel James takes the stage from 12:15 to 1:30 p.m. Let this master guitarist transport you to another time and place with his genre-defying sound.

Stay for the 3:30 to 5:00 p.m. show, local celebrities The Glenelg Jazz Ensemble. These award-winning globe-trotters have taken a break from serenading fans in France, Switzerland and Germany to come back to their home turf and delight Howard County once again.

Weekend in the Woods is part of Columbia Festival of the Arts Summer Festival, Silk Road Stories. Click [here](#) for all the details.

Greeting

This week's newsletter offers many fun events for all ages to enjoy, and some special ideas to celebrate Father's Day. I hope you find inspiring happenings in our neighborhood. I'll see you around town!

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Juneteenth Celebration

The Howard County Center of African American Culture (HCCAAC) is proud to present a free celebration of [Juneteenth's 150th Anniversary](#). The festivities run from noon to 8:00 p.m. on Friday, June 17, at the Historic Oakland Center (5430 Vantage Point Road, Columbia). You won't want to miss this all ages event! Enjoy a day of storytelling, face painting, crafts, lectures, museum tours, live music, and exhibits in honor of National Freedom Day. Special guests include:

- Congressman Elijah Cummings
- Musical sensation ARTERIUS
- Alice Cornelison, Co-Author of *History of Blacks in Howard County, Maryland*
- Lou Fields, President of the African American Tourism Council
- Gospel group RayTrice

This event is co-sponsored by the Columbia Town Center Community Association. For more information, please call 410-715-1921.



Watershed Assessment Public Meetings

Howard County Department of Public Works will hold several public meetings to discuss details of a comprehensive assessment of the county's Patuxent River and the Patapsco River watersheds. Your participation in these meetings will be helpful and will assist the County in managing these resources. The purpose of the assessment is to measure current environmental conditions and identify opportunities for restoration projects. Restoration projects being considered include stream restoration, adding water quality treatment to existing stormwater management ponds, reforestation, and stabilizing existing storm drain pipe outfalls. These projects will help improve water quality in the County's streams and rivers, and ultimately, the Chesapeake Bay. The assessment has been divided into five study areas, pictured on the [County's website](#). The department will hold three public meetings to reflect these study areas:

Rocky Gorge Reservoir and Upper Patuxent River Watersheds

Tuesday, June 21, 7:00—8:30 p.m.

North Laurel Community Center, 9411 Whiskey Bottom Road, Laurel

Lower North Branch Patapsco River Watershed

Thursday, June 23, 7:30—9:00 p.m.

Roger Carter Community Center, 3000 Milltowne Road, Ellicott City

South Branch Patapsco River and Brighton Dam/Triadelphia Reservoir Watersheds

Tuesday, June 28, 7:00—8:30 p.m.

Gary J. Arthur Community Center, 2400 Route 97, Cooksville

County representatives will share with attendees the findings of field studies and review possible restoration techniques. If you would like more information, Christine Lowe can be reached at 410-313-6444 or by [email](#).

Early Child Care & Education Expo



The Johns Hopkins Center for Technology in Education (CTE) welcomes the community to their first [Early Child Care and Education Expo](#) on Saturday, June 18, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. The expo is free and includes outdoor kid-friendly activities, educational workshops for adults, presentations, demonstrations,

performances (Kangaroo Kids, Rocknoceros Band, Art with a Heart), face painting, food trucks, a petting zoo, iPad giveaways, pictures with the Orioles Bird and more. Join the fun at the Johns Hopkins University School of Education (6740 Alexander Bell Drive, Suite 302, Columbia). For more information, please contact Kimberly Anderson by [email](#), or Shannon Bishop by phone at 410-516-9881.

Be Wary of Immigration Scams

The [Office of Consumer Affairs](#) warns that scammers are looking to take advantage of families going through the immigration process. There are many forms and government agencies involved and the process can be daunting, especially for someone who may be renewing their Green Card or becoming a citizen. If this applies to you or someone you know, please consider the following advice from Consumer Affairs:

1. Don't go to a notario, notario público, or "immigration consultant" for legal advice. These are usually dishonest people who say they have a special relationship with the government, or guarantee to get you results. In the U.S., notarios are not lawyers. They are not authorized to give you legal advice or talk to government agencies for you.
2. Only a lawyer or a [Board of Immigration Appeals](#) (BIA) accredited representative can give you legal advice. Lawyers can give you advice and represent you. Before selecting a lawyer, make sure he or she has experience with immigration cases and find out if he or she has been disciplined or suspended for breaking the rules for lawyers. To find out about Maryland lawyers, call the Client Protection Fund at 410-260-3635. To find a lawyer who works in immigration, visit the [American Immigration Lawyers Association](#) website or the [Administrative Relief](#) website. BIA accredited representatives are not lawyers, but are authorized by the government to give legal immigration advice, and represent you. They must work for an officially recognized, non-profit organization and may charge a small fee.
3. Never pay for blank government forms. U.S. government immigration forms are free. While you may have to pay a fee to file an immigration form, you can get the blank forms at no cost at [USCIS](#) website, by calling USCIS at 1-800-870-3676, or by visiting your local USCIS office. Beware of websites that imitate government websites. Government sites end in ".gov" not ".com or .net."
4. Never sign a form before it has been filled out, and don't sign a form or document if it contains false information or if you don't understand it.
5. Keep copies. Keep a copy of every form that you submit and every letter you get from the government about your application. Keep the receipt you get from USCIS to prove that it was filed. You'll also need the receipt to check on the status of your application. Never let anyone else keep your original documents, like your birth certificate or passport. Scammers may demand payment to get them back.

Immigration scams are illegal. If you or someone you know has seen an immigration scam or been the victim of one, contact the Howard County Office of Consumer Affairs. For assistance with this or other consumer problems, or to obtain this factsheet in an alternative format, contact the Howard County Office of Consumer Affairs at 410-313-6420 or by [email](#).

Celebrate Fathers Everywhere

The wonderful fathers in our lives deserve recognition every day, of course, but this weekend is a chance to show them how much they mean to us. Celebrate Father's Day with these fun events on Saturday, June 18, and Sunday, June 19.

Inaugural Racing 2 Cure Festival

Only on Saturday, 8:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m.

Howard County Living Farm Heritage Museum

12985 MD-144, West Friendship, MD 21794

The [R2C Festival](#) features the Riley Carr Memorial Lawn Mower Races, as well as a car show, cornhole tournament, silent auction, and a vendor market. R2C's mission is to help families that are currently fighting cancer. They request a \$5 per car donation for the event.

Hops & Vine Rewind Festival

Saturday and Sunday, 11:00 a.m.—6:00 p.m.

Linganore Winecellars

13601 Glissans Mill Road, Mt Airy, MD 21771

Wine, Beer, 60's 70's 80's Music, and over 30 art, craft & food vendors. Spend Father's Day weekend at [Linganore Winecellars](#). [Tickets](#) are \$22.50 online or \$30 at the gate. Father's Day special: All dads get in 1/2 price on Sunday.

Father's Day Weekend at Clark's Farm

Saturday and Sunday, 10:00 a.m.—5:00 p.m.

Clark's Elioak Farm

10500 Clarksville Pike, Ellicott City, MD 21042

Free hayrides for all fathers and grandfathers accompanied by a child on both Saturday and Sunday. Their [website](#) has more information, or feel free to reach them by [email](#).

Professional Engineers Needed

The Design Advisory Panel seeks registered PEs (Professional Engineers) to serve as members. Confirmed candidates for this important position will be involved in improving architecture and site design in the County, and should be able to attend the Panel's bimonthly evening meetings, the second and fourth Wednesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. at the George Howard Building. Interested PEs should apply by sending a resume and letter of introduction to David Lee by [email](#) or by mail to: Howard County Government, Office of the County Executive, Attn: David Lee, 3430 Court House Drive, Ellicott City, MD 21043. The deadline to apply is Friday, July 1, 5:00 p.m. For more information on the Design Advisory Panel, please see their [website](#) or contact the Department of Planning and Zoning at 410-313-2350.

Friday Farmers' Market

Stock up on fresh fruits and veggies on Friday, June 17 from 11:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the [Farmers' Market](#) at Howard County General Hospital (5755 Cedar Lane, Columbia). You'll be supporting the local economy, and getting great food straight from the source. Vendors include River House Pizza Company, Pong's Orchard, and TLV Tree Farm. Find other Farmers' Markets days and locations at their [website](#).

Upcoming Events

Hickory Ridge Community Flea Market

Saturday, June 18, 8:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m.

The Hawthorn Center

6175 Sunny Spring, Columbia, MD 21044

Shop for treasures, clothing, household and specialty items. Kids, dogs, and browsers are all welcome at this [community flea market](#).

Columbia Association Lakefront Summer Festival

10221 Wincopin Circle, Columbia, MD 21044

The Lakefront Summer Festival is sponsored by Columbia Association and held on the lawn at the Downtown Columbia Lakefront. Admission is free and so is parking. There is great entertainment throughout the summer every night of the week from mid June through late August; the fun continues into September with movies on the weekends and concerts on Sundays. Beginning tonight, the Moxie Blues Band kicks off the season. Visit the [website](#) for all the details.

Waste Not: The Art of Medieval Recycling

Saturday, June 25 through Sunday, September 18

The Walters Art Museum

600 North Charles Street, Baltimore, MD 21201

How were materials reused in art during the medieval period? What hidden histories do these "recycled" objects reveal? [Waste Not](#) features over 20 objects that explore medieval approaches to recycling. Stunning and important in their own right, these works of art have unseen layers of history that can now be newly understood through modern research. Contact The Walters at 410-547-9000 or by [email](#) for more information.

ManneqART Madness

Sunday, June 26, 8:00 a.m. —6:00 p.m.

Historic Savage Mill

8600 Foundry Street, Savage, MD 20763

The 2016 [ManneqART](#) competition entrants have a chance to show off their skills in person and on stage on more than 50 models. Discover the art worlds of sculpture, hair, makeup, and photography and watch as people are transformed before your eyes into works of art. This event is free and open to the public, although donations are gladly accepted. The organizers are available by [email](#) or at 301-778-0616 if you would like further details.



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